

## Online Book Club

Have you joined the library's Online Book Club? Choose from 11 different clubs – Fiction, Nonfiction, Good News, Business, Romance, Classics, Science Fiction and more. To sign up for one or more book clubs, and/or learn more about them, go to the library's web page at [www.lynchburgva.gov/publiclibrary](http://www.lynchburgva.gov/publiclibrary). Click on the online book club icon at the bottom of the page.

The book clubs, a service of DearReader.com, are up to 557 members now. Sign up for any of the clubs and every Monday through Friday, you will find a 5-minute sample from a book in your email. By the end of the week, you'll have read 2-3 chapters, enough to let you know whether or not you want to read the whole book.

Online Book Clubs

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## What's Cooking @ Your Library?

The library has a huge selection of cookbooks from basic "how to boil water" to fancy gourmet meals to exotic international recipes. Have you borrowed a cookbook from the library's collection? What recipes did you try and like? Email the newsletter editor at [candice.michalik@lynchburgva.gov](mailto:candice.michalik@lynchburgva.gov). Tell us which cookbook you used and which recipe you liked. We will have results in subsequent newsletters. If you have never borrowed one of the library's cookbooks, check us out!



## Back by Popular Demand!

Worried about security? Are your personal files too much for your little home shredder? Watch your papers become confetti in a flash and make a gift to the Friends as well.

Kodiak Shredding will bring their mobile paper shredding truck to the Main Library on Saturday, October 18 from 10 AM to 12 Noon.

You can view the entire process and rest easy knowing all your paper is completely mangled. Cost for shredding is \$10.00 for a box (18x18x24).

For more information, call 455-6310.

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## Black Clouds Often Have a Silver Lining



If there was one good thing about the high gasoline prices this summer it was that more children discovered their library. Children poured through the doors to attend more than 40 summer reading programs. This year's attendance, 2,837, broke last year's number by triple digits. July 2008 Youth Services' circulation of 33,000 increased by nearly 4000 over July 2007. And when programs weren't scheduled, children curled up on chairs to read, presented puppet shows of their own to each other and spread out on the floors to work puzzles.

For children who couldn't get to the library, I-VAN made 50 trips to the James Crossing, Dearington, Birchwood, College Hill, and Brookside neighborhoods with books to loan and activity sheets to keep young minds working. Kids flocked to I-VAN on each visit because it became their neighborhood library. There were 781 book exchanges and ice cream was even served in sweltering heat during the last week of I-VAN visits to equal the Grand Finale Ice Cream Party that was held at the library and drew 360 readers.

All in all...Youth Services had a banner summer both inside and outside the library.

Lorry Risinger  
Youth Services

## Letter from the President

Dear Friends,

You made a tremendous difference this year! Your tax-deductible membership dues helped the library staff deliver quality programs and services in its busiest year ever. As a Friend, you sponsored the popular children's and adult summer reading programs, Lynchburg Reads 2008, the inaugural Mayor's Reading Club, and our vibrant library volunteer program, amongst many other wonderful services.

Thank you for encouraging literacy and a love for reading and learning in all of Lynchburg's citizens. Please consider renewing your Friends membership again this year and invite a friend to join as well. We look forward to seeing you – and all of your friends and family – at your public library!!

Margie Lippard  
President, Friends of the Lynchburg Public Library



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# The Big Read Lynchburg Chooses Fahrenheit 451



The goal of **The Big Read Lynchburg** is to encourage members of our community to collectively read Ray Bradbury's classic *Fahrenheit 451* and open a dialogue about the novel. The themes of literacy, technology, human interaction, and media control all resonate with contemporary audiences and are sure to spark connections in your daily life. **The Big Read** is an initiative of the National Endowment for the Arts. Amazement Square, in partnership with the library, has brought the program to Lynchburg.

Beginning with a kickoff event on Saturday, September 27, Amazement Square has planned six weeks of innovative programming spanning from book discussions to film screenings to art exhibitions and more, in locations throughout the Lynchburg community. The following programs will be held at the library:

Wednesday, October 15 at 1:00 PM  
Book Discussion

Wednesday, October 22 at 1:00 and 7:00 PM  
Movie

Tuesday, October 28 at 7:00 PM  
Book Discussion



For programs and activities held at Amazement Square and other venues, check **The Big Read Lynchburg** website at [www.bigreadlynchburg.org](http://www.bigreadlynchburg.org) or call 845-1888.

The library has extra copies of the book, so there will be plenty for everyone!

## “Cocktails for a Cause” at Vines

On Wednesday, November 19 from 5:00 to 8:00 PM, *Bella* Magazine and Vines Café, 2496 Rivermont Ave., will host “Cocktails for a Cause” to benefit the Friends of the Library. *Bella's* Cocktails for a Cause has been a Roanoke icon for more than 2 years with over \$15,000 raised for Southwest Virginia non-profits. This past June, *Bella* teamed up with Vines Café to bring the tradition to Central Virginia. From 5:00 to 8:00 PM, 20% of the purchase price of all food and drink purchased is donated by Vines, to that night's beneficiary. A different beneficiary is invited each Wednesday.



## Lynchburg Reads 2009



*The Rope Walk* by Carrie Brown has been selected as the 2009 **Lynchburg Reads** book.

The novel is a dazzling story of a pivotal summer in the life of Alice, beloved and protected by her five older brothers and her widower father. On Memorial Day, at her tenth birthday party in the garden of her Vermont village



home, Alice meets two people unlike any she's known before. Theo is a mixed-race New York City kid visiting his white grandparents for the summer. Kenneth is a cosmopolitan artist with AIDS who has come home to convalesce with his sister. Alice and Theo form an instant bond and, almost as quickly, find themselves drawn into the orbit of the magisterial Kenneth. When the children begin a daily routine of reading aloud to the artist, who is losing his eyesight, they discover the

journals of Lewis and Clark and decide to embark on their own wilderness adventure: they plan and secretly build a “rope walk” through the woods for Kenneth and in the process learn the first of many hard truths about the way adults see the world, no matter that they are often wrong.

We are happy to introduce the Lynchburg community to one of its own authors. Carrie Brown lives and teaches at Sweet Briar College. She is the author of five novels and a collection of short stories and has won numerous awards for her work, including the Barnes and Noble Discover Award. Two previous novels won the Library of Virginia Book Award; *The Rope Walk* has been nominated for the 2008 award.

Multiple copies of *The Rope Walk*, including large print and audio CD, are available at library. A number of activities, including an author appearance, are being planned for next spring and will be announced at a later date. For more information, call 455-6310.

## 42 Years and Still Going Strong!



The circulation figures are in! 562,208 items were checked out in FY 2008. That is an increase of 5% over last year. The current year is off to a good start as well, with July breaking the monthly record with 55,261 checkouts (33,751 for Youth and 21,510 for Adult).

With the implementation of new Computer Use Only cards, the number of cards issued during the FY 2008 soared over 33% to 4876.

Youth Services **Lynchburg Public Library** Fall 2008



### Storytime Programs



#### Tales for Twos

20-minute programs designed especially for 2-year-old listeners and their parents.

**Registration begins Tuesday, September 2.**  
Registration must be done in person.

**September 15 – December 9**

**Mondays at 10:30 or 11:00 a.m. or Tuesdays at 10:30 or 11:00 a.m.**

A parent or caregiver must attend.  
Siblings are welcome.

#### Preschool Pizzazz

30-minute programs designed especially for children ages 3-5.

**Registration begins Tuesday, September 2.**  
Registration must be done in person.

**September 16 - December 10**

**Tuesdays at 1:30 p.m. or Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m.**

While parents do not attend storytime with preschoolers, we rely on them to be our partners and ask that they remain in the library during programs.

#### Born to Read Storytimes

**No registration required**

20-minute lapsit programs of rhymes, stories, songs and activities designed for children under the age of two and their parents.

**Bi-weekly:**

**second and fourth Friday of each month at 10:30 a.m.**

September 12 and 26

November 14 (closed for Thanksgiving)

October 10 and 24

December 12 and 26

Siblings are welcome.

Youth Services  
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#### LIBRARY HOURS

##### Main

Mon., Wed., Fri., Sat.  
9:30 AM-5:30 PM  
Tues., Thurs.  
9:30 AM-9:00 PM

##### Downtown Branch

Mon.– Fri.  
9:30 AM-5:30 PM

#### DOWNTOWN BRANCH AND LAW LIBRARY

900 Church Street  
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#### CLOSED

Monday, Sept. 1  
Labor Day

Thursday & Friday,  
November 27 & 28  
Thanksgiving

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Upcoming Friends of the  
Library Board Meetings

VISITORS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME

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Tuesday, November 10

4:00 PM

Library community room

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